

8/3/2010

BSA Business meeting

Chaired by Kent Holsinger

- 1) *From council meeting:* Need to notify membership that the by-laws don't specify that the advisory council chair (Lucinda) is a member of the board. Need to change the by-laws to formalize this position.
- 2) *Budget.* The treasurer reported that the Society is within budget for this year for both income and expenditures. Since the society expects next year to be similar to this year in terms of income and expenditure, next year's budget is modeled after this year. A **VOTE** was held on the budget. It was unanimously approved.
- 3) *Investment.* Chair of the investment committee reported on the positive growth of the investment account.
- 4) *Membership rates.* A proposal was put forward that the membership rates remain unchanged. A **VOTE** was taken and it was unanimously approved. Judy mentioned that it had been discussed in a section meeting that there was concern that the membership rates did not cover the price of the printed journal. Karl mentioned that this would likely impact retired members more and those people may have greater budget restrictions. Bill suggested that retired people pay less anyway and that the board discuss the issue of raising the cost of the printed version of the journal. Regardless, we should inform the membership that the printed journal costs the society money.
- 5) *Institutional subscription rates.* A proposal was made to increase the institutional subscription rates by \$40 to \$640. A **VOTE** was taken and it was unanimously approved.
- 6) *Corresponding members.* None were proposed and therefore we do not need to act on this. This is an area that we need to work on in the future; in particular since there is no limit to the number, we should come up with some nominees. Anitra had raised the issue of trying to increase the number of non-Europeans and women. There is the additional issue that the list on the web needs to be updated regularly (i.e. removing deceased members).
- 7) *Merit award winners.* There are 6 this year!
- 8) *Development & Structural section.* Would like to clarify the relationship between the Kaplan committee, the society and the section. Would like to have the section recognized as the official holder of the Kaplan lecture and funds. This does not mean that we need to get rid of the Kaplan committee. Reason this has come up is that historically the Cheatele Award and the Esau Award were the prevue of the D&S section. Now these have migrated to BSA as a whole, away from the section (the BSA president appoints the committee to make the award). With the Kaplan Award, they would like it to remain within the committee. Bruce Kirchoff, section chair, presented this idea. Karl proposed that how the Kaplan award will be administered be formally proposed to the board for an OK. Bill suggested that a section vote occur empowering Bruce to send this idea to the Board. A **VOTE** was taken on this and unanimously approved.
- 9) *Time conflicts.* Anitra brought up the concern that this meeting conflicted with Plant Physiology and Kent brought up there was also a conflict with Ecology. Unfortunately ESA moved the time of its meeting. We are meeting at the same time that we always do. Bill said that tremendous effort is taken to avoid conflict.

10) *International committee*. Recommends a meeting with Mexico. Kent said we have tried. We invited the president of the Mexican Society to this meeting for free but he did not take us up on it.

Meeting adjourned! (5:16pm)